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SUBJECT: TRADE COMPLAINT : JULES KOVACS, EN CO. ANTWERP  
AGAINST B.H. HUBBERT EN SON OF BALTIMORE, MD.

JULES KOVACS EN CIE, AN ANTWERP FIRM OF MARINE  
ELECTRICAL ENGINEERS AND CATERERS AND LAUNDRY SPECIALISTS  
IN THE PORT OF ANTWERP, PUT IN AN ORDER IN AUGUST 1974  
WITH THE U.S. FIRM B.H. HUBBERT EN SON INC. OF 1311  
SOUTH PONCA STREET, BALTIMORE, MD. 21224, FOR 24 UNITS OF  
DIFFERENT MODELFOOD PREPARING KETTLES IN STAINLESS STEEL.  
EIGHT OF THE KETTLES ARE ELECTRICALLY HEATED AND 16 ARE STEAM  
HEATED. ALL KETTLES ARE TO BE INSTALLED ON BOARD SHIPS. EIGHT  
OF THE KETTLES WILL BE INSTALLED ON NATO SHIPS WHICH  
ARE NOW BEING BUILT.

BY THE BEGINNING OF JUNE 1975, HUBBERT SHIPPED 12 HALF-FINISHED  
KETTLES, WITHOUT FITTINGS AND ACCESORIES.

KOVACS WHICH HAS PAID FOR THE ENTIRE ORDER(INVOICE NR. 007641,  
DATED AUGUST 26, 1974,) IS UNABLE TO OBTAIN DELIVERY OF THE REST  
OF THE ORDER CONSISTING OF:

FOUR ELECTRIC EHK-SL-20 GALLON CAP.KETTLES  
FOUR ELECTRIC EHK-SL-30 GALLON CAP.KETTLES  
TWO STEAM HEATED PH-30 GALLON KETTLES  
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ONE STEAM HEATED SHS-T-30 GALLON CAP.KETTLE

ONE STEAM HEATED PH-20-20 GALLON CAP.KETTLE

AND ACCESSORIES FOR THESE, PLUS THE MISSING ACCESSORIES FOR THE  
12 KETTLES SUPPLIED IN JUNE THIS YEAR.

KOVACS NOW FACES PENALTIES BY THE SHIPBUILDERS IF IT CANNOT SUPPLY  
THE KETTLES ON TIME.

KOVACS HAS WRITTEN NUMEROUS REMINDER LETTERS, TELEGRAMS,  
HAS TELEPHONED SEVERAL TIMES WITHOUT GETTING ANY RESULT.  
IT ALSO HAS SETTLED THE ENTIRE INVOICE MONTHS AGO.

THE ASSISTANCE OF THE DEPARTMENT IS REQUESTED TO MAKE HUBBERT  
AT LEAST GIVE AN EXPLANATION WHY THE MISSING KETTLES AND  
ACCESSORIES ARE NOT BEING SUPPLIED. THE US FIRM S ATTITUDE  
IS DAMAGING TO THE EXPORT PROMOTION EFFORTS OF THIS POST  
IN THE PORT OF ANTWERP.  
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